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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference A) which is cited in the instant specification. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

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| A) | USA | 5,921,684 | Niina | 07-13-99 |

A copy of this reference is submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached reference has been considered and made of record.

☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the issuance of a first Office Action so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.

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The undersigned hereby certifies:

☐ that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement;

- ☐ that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56© more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.
- ☐ The undersigned hereby petitions that the Examiner consider the information cited in this Statement.
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- ☐ Enclosed, please also find a check for the amount of \$130.00 to cover the petition fee set forth in §1.17(i).
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fee of 180.00 to cover the fee for filing the above Information Disclosure Statement, and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.
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The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

Respectfully submitted

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